

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-275-C - ORDER NO. 2000-616

JULY 28, 2000

IN RE: Rule to Show Cause as to Why the)	ORDER GRANTING
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	REQUEST TO
Necessity of Connect Telecommunications, Inc.)	HOLD RULE TO
Should Not Be Revoked.)	SHOW CAUSE
)	IN ABEYANCE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of Connect Telecommunications, Inc. ("Connect" or the "Company") to hold in abeyance the Staff Petition for Rule to Show Cause for Connect Telecommunications, Inc. The Commission's Staff Petition was issued on June 6, 2000, after information submitted by D. D. Washington to the Commission requesting a name change of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity indicated he was conducting business as a reseller of local telecommunications services in South Carolina without a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

The Staff informs the Commission that Respondent has cooperated with the Staff during this investigation and has committed to immediately attempt to come into compliance with Commission Rules and Regulations by completing an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Upon consideration of this request, the Commission finds that the request to hold the Staff Petition for Rule to Show Cause in abeyance should be granted. The Commission finds that the Rule to Show Cause should be held in abeyance to allow sufficient time to complete the Application process.

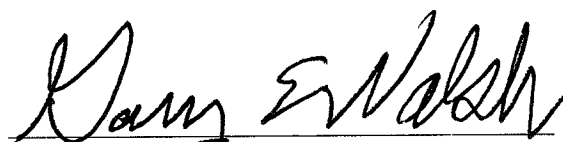
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Connect Telecommunications, Inc. to hold in abeyance the Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Connect Telecommunications, Inc. Should Not Be Revoked is hereby granted.
2. The Respondent is hereby ordered to immediately submit an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and complete the certification process.
3. The Staff is directed to keep the Commission advised as to the progress of the Application process.
4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THIS COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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